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C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 1872

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SUBJECT: DANISH "RECOGNITION" OF PRG

REF: A. COPENHAGEN 1284, B. COPENHAGEN 1478

1. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE DANISH AND SOUTH
VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTRIES JUNE 30 ANNOUNCED THAT
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL WERE
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ESTABLISHED AS OF MAY 2. THE OPERATIVE PARA OF THE

JOINT COMMUNIQUE READS AS FOLLOWS:

"TO STRENGTHEN ON A MUTUAL BASIS THE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK AND THE PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL AS OF MAY 2, 1975. . . ."

2. THORNING-PETERSEN, SENIOR OFFICIAL IN THE MFA'S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THE RETRO-ACTIVE "RECOGNITION" DATE, MAY 2, WAS IN LINE WITH THE DANISH PRACTICE OF RECOGNIZING THE REGIME EXERCISING DE FACTO POWER IN ANY COUNTRY. ANOTHER MFA SOURCE SPECULATED THAT MAY 2 REFERRED TO THE DATE THE PRG ESTABLISHED EFFECTIVE CONTROL IN SAIGON. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS ON MAY 2 THAT THE DANISH MFA FIRST APPROACHED THE LOCAL PRG INFORMATION OFFICE TO CONVEY ITS WILLINGNESS TO "RESUME NORMAL RELATIONS" (SEE REFTTEL B).

3. THE OTHER UNEXPECTED FEATURE OF THE COMMUNIQUE IS THAT RELATIONS WILL BE AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. T-P EXPLAINED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO REAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH LE VAN NHUT, LOCAL PRG INFORMATION REP. AFTER ITS ORIGINAL MAY 2 APPROACH, THE MFA HAD HEARD NOTHING UNTIL LAST WEEK WHEN LE VAN NHUT APPEARED AT THE MFA WITH A DRAFT JOINT COMMUNIQUE. T-P IMPLIED THAT THE DANES HAD HAD NO MAJOR OBJECTION AND THE DRAFT WAS ACCEPTED, WITH THE PROVISION FOR AMBASSADORIAL REPRESENTATION. THE DANES HAD EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO SIDE-ACCREDIT THEIR RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN BANGKOK, ALBERT KONINGSFELDT, TO SAIGON. LE VAN NHUT HAD POINTED OUT THAT KONINGSFELDT HAD ALSO BEEN ACCREDITED AS MINISTER TO THE RVN, BUT HAD NOT OBJECTED, SINCE, HE EXPLAINED, THE PRG WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN COPENHAGEN. T-P HAD RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE NEW PRG AMBASSADOR AT STOCKHOLM WILL BE SIDE-ACCREDITED TO COPENHAGEN. AT PRESENT, THE DANES ARE WAITING WORD FROM LE VAN NHUT AS TO THE CHANNEL BY WHICH THEY SHOULD

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